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**RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 8, 2002, NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE  
RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notification of Defective Response ("Notification") dated November 8, 2002. A response to the November 8, 2002, Notification was originally due on December 8, 2002. However, because December 8, 2002, fell on a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, namely Monday, December 9, 2002, is to be considered timely. Therefore, this response is being filed timely.

REMARKS

Applicants contend that the November 8, 2002, Notification of Defective Response was sent in error. In support of their contention, Applicants enclose herewith as Exhibit A: copy of the November 8, 2002, Notification, Exhibit B: copy of July 30, 2002, Transmittal of Sequence Listing, including Sequence Listings in paper and computer-readable forms that was submitted to the Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, Va. 22202, and Exhibit C: copy of return-receipt postcard with PCT/PTO receiving date-stamp of 02 August 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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